



ILLINOIS HOMELAND SECURITY UPDATE February 1, 2002

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- The Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF) met on January 29 and established 3 new working groups to address ongoing issues related to aviation security, continuity of business and local government preparedness, and terrorism threat conditions. The Aviation Security group will be chaired by Don Gamble, IDOT/Aeronautics. The Business and Government Continuity group will be chaired by Mike Fagel of the North Aurora EMA and will include representatives from the Illinois Municipal League and other private trade associations to develop a template for business continuity planning. The Threat Condition working group, chaired by Tom Mefferd of the DuPage County EMA, will establish recommended measures for local governments based upon a ?threatcon? classification being developed by the U.S. Office of Homeland Defense. In addition, the Public Information Committee of the ITTF discussed two projects at its meeting this week. One proposal involved the development of 2 public service announcements directed at targeted age groups and to provide information on the threat condition system being developed. The second pertained to the establishment of a dedicated web site for emergency information.
- Illinois Director of Homeland Security Matt Bettenhausen traveled to Washington, D.C. last week for several meetings concerning homeland security planning including a meeting with William Webster, former director of the CIA and FBI and former Attorney General Edwin Meese. The trip culminated in an afternoon planning and strategy session with President Bush, Homeland Security Director Ridge, and other state homeland security directors. The group also discussed the President's upcoming State of the Union address.

- The Department of Agriculture (D of A) brought together more than 40 representatives from the Departments of Agriculture and Emergency Management Agencies from six states January 23-24 for the first meeting of an animal emergency response council funded by a \$50,000 USDA National Animal Health Emergency Management System grant. The Council will, among other things, coordinate activities surrounding the development of a Regional Emergency Response Plan to address foreign animal diseases. The two-day meeting provided an overview of federal and state authorities and the role of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact in addressing animal diseases. Members of the Council have agreed to participate in working groups covering issues including communications, state plan consistencies, livestock movement, and standardized procedures as part of the overall regional plan development.
- Department of Agriculture staff attended the annual meeting of the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association on January 21-23. Brochures and posters on the use of fertilizer in terrorist attacks were made available to fertilizer dealers. A short seminar on Facility Security Issues was also presented by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
- The American Red Cross (ARC) will hold a meeting on February 4 with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to discuss collaborative efforts under the Illinois Emergency Operations Plan, including providing preparedness information to every day care facility licensed by DCFS. Additionally, ARC chapters across the state continue to update shelter agreements and identify facilities that could be used to provide shelter and mass care.
- The Temporary Flight Restriction area in downtown Chicago has been redefined by the Federal Aviation Administration to include a wider coverage area. It is oriented along the Lake Michigan

shoreline (but does not cover Navy Pier) and is only valid below 3000 feet above ground level (AGL) and poses only a minimal impact to aviation activities.

- Most flight restrictions in the state have been lifted, with the exception of:

Gas Storage Facility, Fisher IL: 3000 ft above ground level (AGL) & 3 Miles

Ammunition Plant, Newport IN: 5000 ft AGL & 5 miles (encroaches IL)

Chicago downtown: Rectangular coverage area 5 nautical miles (NM) x 2 NM & 3000 ft AGL

Open air assemblies: Events over 10,000 people 3000 ft AGL & 3 miles

Key Infrastructure: Bridges, dams, power plants, etc.- No loitering or circling allowed

- Central Management Services (CMS) was asked by Homeland Security staff to develop a training seminar for building managers and key staff responsible for the operation of all state-owned and leased facilities. CMS assisted in the development of a one-day course, "Safety and Security Training for State Facilities". More than 700 individuals have been invited to attend one of 12 scheduled seminars being conducted at seven locations around the state: Peoria, Rockford, Collinsville, Marion, Springfield, Chicago, and Schaumburg. The training sessions are scheduled from January 30 through March 22. Additional information can be obtained by contacting CMS.
- The State Interagency Response Teams (SIRT) will receive "Basic Concepts of Terrorism" training in February. Unified Command Training will be scheduled for team members in the near future.
- The Illinois Department of Natural Resources met with the U. S. Coast Guard and the Chicago Police Department's (CPD) Marine Unit to sign the "Chicago Area Maritime Security Plan, Winter 2001-2002." The document represents the work of many stakeholders of Chicago waterfront security, particularly the CPD Marine Unit, the Illinois Director of Homeland Security, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Conservation Police, and the U. S. Coast Guard.

- The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has been granted a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) registration as a distributor of controlled substances, level II through V. As far as it can be determined, Illinois is the only state to be issued a comparable certificate by the DEA. This will allow IDPH to receive controlled substances from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in the event of a bioterrorism event without placing the individual DEA registration of an individual practitioner, such as the Director of Public Health, in a precarious situation.

- On January 24, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency conducted a smallpox tabletop exercise for top state officials in the State Emergency Operations Center in Springfield. The purpose of the exercise was to discuss coordination and communication issues for a bioterrorism incident involving smallpox. The scenario for the exercise involved a nationwide outbreak of smallpox. During the exercise, participants were asked to discuss their role and responsibilities for a series of event-driven questions. Several key issues were discussed during the exercise, including the need for:
 1. supplies of smallpox vaccine to ensure a comprehensive incident response;
 2. a pre-established vaccination plan that prioritizes first responders including public health and medical officials;
 3. baseline training for first responders on biological agents, specifically smallpox;
 4. an immediate and consistent public information program for a smallpox incident to decrease the number of worried; and
 5. special needs shelter planning activities for populations exposed and unable be vaccinated

- As of January 28, the Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Laboratories has received 1,589 samples for anthrax testing. All have been processed and are negative for anthrax.

- The following notice was received from the CDC on January 24:

Alert: Legitimate Mailings by Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia

The purpose of this message is to advise you of a mass mailing that may cause emergency calls to public safety agencies, etc. in this time of heightened awareness on the part of the public. Within the past several days, the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia has mailed 5,000 brown, padded, 10 2" X 14" envelopes to schools throughout the United States. The envelope contains a legitimate letter from Ambassador Bandar bin Sultan, a videotape, and two books, all of which are intended to be used as an educational aid to increase understanding of and sensitivity to the Islamic faith. Each envelope has two black-on-clear address labels attached to the front, to wit:

The return address reads:

"H.R.H. PRINCE BANDAR BIN SULTAN
ROYAL EMBASSY OF SAUDI ARABIA
601 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20037"

There is a logo of a palm tree with two crossed swords next to the return address.

The addressee label reads:

"The Principal
(Name of school)
(School address)
(City/Town State Zip code)"